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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 12 (cancelled)

- 13. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) a mature form of the amino acid sequence given SEQ ID NO:2n, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178112;
 - b) a variant of a mature form of the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO:2n, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178112, wherein any amino acid in the mature form of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;
 - c) the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO:2n, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178112;
 - d) a variant of the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178112, in which any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed;
 - e) a nucleic acid fragment encoding at least a portion of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178112, or any variant of said polypeptide wherein any amino acid of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 10% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed; and
 - f) the complement of any of said nucleic acid molecules.

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14. (original) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of a naturally occurring allelic nucleic acid variant.

- 15. (original) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13 that encodes a variant polypeptide, wherein the variant polypeptide has the polypeptide sequence of a naturally occurring polypeptide variant.
- 16. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13, wherein the nucleic acid molecule differs by a single nucleotide from a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group eonsisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n 1, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178111.
- 17. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of
- a) the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n -1, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178111;
- b) a nucleotide sequence wherein one or more nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO:111, is changed from that selected from the group consisting of the chosen sequence to a different nucleotide provided that no more than 15% of the nucleotides are so changed;
- c) a nucleic acid fragment of the sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n 1, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178111; and
- d) a nucleic acid fragment wherein one or more nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n 1, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178 111 is changed from that selected from the group consisting of the chosen sequence to a different nucleotide provided that no more than 15% of the nucleotides are so changed.
- 18. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13, wherein said nucleic acid molecule hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n 1, wherein n is an integer between 1 and 178111, or a complement of said nucleotide sequence.

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19. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13, wherein the sequence is

changed such that no more than 15% of the nucleotides in the coding sequence differ from the

nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of given SEQ ID NO: 2n-1, wherein n

is an integer between 1 and 178111, or a fragment thereof.

20. (original) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 19.

21. (original) The vector of claim 20, further comprising a promoter operably linked to said

nucleic acid molecule.

22. (original) A cell comprising the vector of claim 20.

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